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THE FOLLOWING IS A FREE TRANSLATION OF A COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON SEPTEMBER 28:

"THE EMBASSY OF THE SOVIET UNION IN URUGUAY EDITS THROUGH
ITS PRESS SECTION THE 'SOVIET PRESS INFORMATION BULLETIN
(BISP).' IN ITS NUMBER 164 OF 13 SEPTEMBER 1973, UNDER
THE TITLE 'DECLARATION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
PCUS (COMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION)', SPEAKING
OF THE MILITARY COUP D'TAT IN CHILE, IT MAKES JUDGMENTS
ABOUT POLITICAL EVENTS IN THAT LATIN AMERICAN NATION.
IN IT THE PRESENT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN
RECOGNIZED BY OUR COUNTRY AND BY THE MAJORITY OF THE
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COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IS JUDGED

SEVERELY. IN THAT ARTICLE ALSO THERE IS EXPRESSED ENCOURAGEMENT AND SOLIDARITY FOR THOSE WHO 'REMAIN FAITHFUL IN THE STRUGGLE,' DIRECTING THIS EXPRESSLY TO ALL WORKERS AND TO THE PEOPLE OF CHILE.

"THE REFERENCED PUBLICATION IS BEING DISTRIBUTED HERE NOT ONLY TO MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, BUT ALSO TO PROFESSIONALS, STUDENTS AND WORKERS. THUS THE PUBLICATION REACHES A WIDE AUDIENCE WHICH GIVES IT A PUBLIC CHARACTER.

"THE PUBLICATION'S STATEMENTS ARE SUCH AS TO BE PRESUMABLY IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 60-II, NUMBER 1 OF THE MILITARY CODE OF JUSTICE WHICH HOLDS LIABLE THOSE WHO 'EXERCISE OTHER ACTS WHICH COULD PLACE THE REPUBLIC IN DANGER OF WAR OR OF SUFFERING REPRISALS.' THE PUBLICATION VIOLATES THE LATTER OFFENSE.

"SIMILAR ACTS HAVE RESULTED IN THE CLOSING OF THE DAILY 'EL POPULAR' AND BROADCASTS OF RADIO CX-30 WHOSE ANTECEDENTS WERE BROUGHT BEFORE MILITARY JUSTICE. IN THE VIEW OF THE PROSECUTOR OF THE COURT AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE NATION, DR. FERNANDO BAYARDO BENGEOA, THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH STATEMENTS IS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AN 'ILLEGAL ACT AND A DANGEROUS CRIME AS IT COULD RESULT IN REPRISALS WHICH, TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, CAN BE BROADLY AND FLEXIBLY INTERPRETED UNDER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW.'

"NOTWITHSTANDING THAT, THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT, IN EXERCISE OF ITS UNDENIABLE RIGHT TO PREVENT COMMITMENT IN ITS TERRITORY OF ACTS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, SUMMONED, THROUGH THE ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOVIET UNION. IT BROUGHT THIS MATTER TO HIS ATTENTION IN SEVERE MANNER. ALTHOUGH HE IS PROTECTED BY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES, THERE SHALL BE NO FURTHER TYPE OF ACT OR DEED WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH THE APPLICATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY, DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL. IF THIS TYPE OF CONDUCT IS NOT OBSERVED THEN MEASURES THAT URUGUAY MIGHT ADOPT SHALL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOVIET UNION." SIRACUSA

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